

# The Food Trust

Ensuring That Everyone Has Access To Affordable, Nutritious Food



## Project Associate - Healthy Corner Store Initiative Trenton, NJ

The Food Trust is a nationally recognized nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions. Headquartered in Philadelphia, The Food Trust works with neighborhoods, schools, grocers, farmers and policymakers in the city and across the country to develop a comprehensive approach to improved food access that combines nutrition education and greater availability of affordable, healthy food. More information about The Food Trust is available at [www.thefoodtrust.org](http://www.thefoodtrust.org).

The Project Associate will support The Food Trust in the implementation of a healthy corner store program in Trenton, NJ, that focuses on improving access to healthy foods, promoting equity and helping support the well-being of Trenton residents. The Associate will also assist in the coordination of programming across the state, including recruitment and programming in corner stores that are part of New Jersey's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, as well as conducting nutrition education events and lessons in select corner stores and after-school sites. This effort is part of the Trenton Community Health Collaborative, which seeks to reduce rates of childhood obesity in Trenton, and the statewide Healthy Corner Store Initiative in New Jersey.

This position will be based in Trenton, NJ, with regular trips to visit corner stores in Trenton and across the state, and to The Food Trust's main office in Philadelphia, PA. The position requires internal contact with the entire staff and external contact with corner store owners, program partners and members of the community.

### **Responsibilities include:**

- Collaborating with the New Jersey Partnership for Healthy Kids and other Trenton Community Health Collaborative partners, corner store owners, local suppliers and community partners to develop and implement sustainable strategies for bringing healthy foods to corner stores in Trenton
- Overseeing and assisting in the identification and recruitment of corner stores in New Jersey to participate in the initiative, with a focus on Trenton
- Visiting corner stores regularly in order to implement different aspects of the initiative, such as marketing material placement and inventory visits
- Coordinating and implementing nutrition education programming in stores and after-school sites in Trenton
- Collaborating with partner organizations to implement in-store health screenings and increase overall wellness in the Trenton community
- Promoting the program to teachers, parents, school/after-school community, store owners and partners to ensure high level of participation
- Administering program evaluation after all field activities

**Qualifications:** Related experience in community-based settings (including volunteer and/or paid work) preferred. Strong commitment to The Food Trust's mission. High school diploma or GED is required. Coursework toward BA/BS degree from an accredited college or university is

preferred. Bilingual (Spanish) and English fluency required. Valid and updated driver's license required. Familiarity with Trenton neighborhoods is strongly preferred; New Jersey residency is required.

**Salary:** Competitive, based on education and experience

**Employment Category:** Full-Time

**Job Open Date:** Immediately

**To apply:** Email your résumé and cover letter to [jobs@thefoodtrust.org](mailto:jobs@thefoodtrust.org). Please reference "Project Associate-Trenton" in the subject line. Please do not call.

The Food Trust offers competitive pay, a comprehensive benefit program, and a supportive mission-driven work environment where you can grow and learn both professionally and personally and be part of a great team!

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